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REFERENCE BILL 1007, AVIATION USE AND SALES TAX

Dear committee members,

I have as of this year, been in business for 25 years, here at Danbury airport, in Ct, as an aircraft maintenance facility, for aircraft in the general aviation category.

I am sure that you will agree that to accomplish this in Connecticut's difficult business environment, has been no mean feat.

I now find myself in a position of serious concern regarding my company's future well being, due to Governor Malloy's proposal to instate sales tax on repair services on the aircraft which we maintain.

Danbury is within 10 to 20 minutes flying time of all surrounding states. Everyone of these same states over recent years, have upon review, realized the importance of aviation and the financial income derived from it. To safeguard against loss of this trade and all associated income, to any of the sounding sales tax exempt states, they rightly so decided, that it would be a very poor financial decision to instate this very tax in their states.

Now, Connecticut (would be the ONLY local state) is about to discuss the merit's of adding sales tax back onto the invoices we provide our customers.

With 99% of my customers, flying to me from all the adjoining states, why would any of them want to continue this arrangement, if it would then cost additional monies for taxes.

I buy an engine from a Danbury facility for and install it in one of these planes. If tax was in the equation, that same customer **WILL** now buy his engine from one of the many excellent facilities, in NY. We will have thrown away our added advantage.

My visiting customers ALL frequent the many walking distance restaurants here.

My visiting customers (if leaving the plane) WILL either rent a vehicle to get back home or have a friend fly in to collect them or have us deliver them to the local train station.

My visiting customers WILL very often bring their wives with who in turn visit the Danbury mall

80 % of my customers and their collecting pilots, buy fuel for their planes, here at the airport.

Subsequently these same individuals return at other non aviation times to visit these very same places.

Should you see fit to vote this bill through, it will be an aviation and financial disaster. not just for my company and employees but for every side line business that obtains income due to this trade.

Remember, the one thing about this specialty is that planes fly and they will, elsewhere.

Please do not pass this tax bill !!!

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